

# **CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE**

## **SJR 612**

May 13, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Urges the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Environment and Conservation to collaboratively prepare a Tennessee Climate Action Plan recommending specific actions, initiatives, policies and programs to limit greenhouse gas emissions in Tennessee. These departments are further urged to request assistance from federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Department of Transportation, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the University of Tennessee, and the State University and Community College Systems.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On January 29, 2008, we issued a fiscal note on this bill with an impact that incorrectly assumed the legislation was required. Based on further analysis, the estimated impact of this legislation is as follows:

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**Other Fiscal Impact – Should the Action Plan be implemented as urged by this legislation, there will be a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$150,000 for the Department of Environment and Conservation. The Department of Economic and Community Development will incur an estimated cost of \$159,000 to contract with Tennessee Technological University to update the 1999 "Tennessee Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Strategies" report as directed by the bill. According to the Department, federal funds are available to them which can be used to reimburse the state for the \$159,000 one-time cost of the updated report.**

Assumptions:

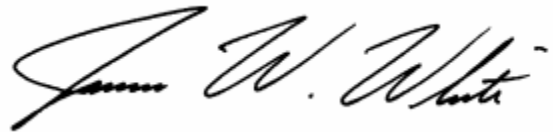
- The Department of Economic and Community Development would contract a portion of the work for the report at an estimated one-time cost of \$159,000.

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- The estimated \$159,000 cost to the Department of Economic and Community Development would be eligible for federal reimbursement.
- The Department of Environment and Conservation would contract a portion of the work for the report at an estimated one-time cost of \$150,000. Such contract would be for work including a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, as well as data collection, assembly, and interpretation.
- Any cost to state departments and higher education institutions other than the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Environment and Conservation can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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